

# ECRN European Civil Register Network



ICT for Government  
and Public Services



Europe is facing a continuous growth of European citizens living and working in a country different from the country in which they were born. Consequently, a strong cooperation between Member States on registry acts has become a high priority.

The ECRN service is a software system that allows registry offices of European administrations to exchange civil status acts in electronic form via internet in a fast, secure and certified way. Civil servants are the ECRN's main target group.

## At a Glance

### Project

ECRN

### Projects coordinator

Associazione Nazionale Ufficiali di Stato  
Civile ed Anagrafe, IT

### Participants

Gemeente Rotterdam, NL  
Ministerul Comunicatiilor Si Tehnologiei  
Informatiei, RO  
Comune di Bologna, IT  
Ministrstvo Za Notranje Zadeve, SL  
Stad Gent, BE  
Betrieb Für Informationstechnologie Bremer-  
haven, DE  
Centro Nazionale Informatica nella Pubblica  
Amministrazione, IT  
Inclusion Alliance for Europe GEIE, RO  
Regulus srl, IT  
Genis d.o.o., SL  
Engineering Ingegneria Informatica S.p.A, IT  
Ministry of Interior, RO

### Area

Objective 1.3 - Innovative ICT-based solutions

### Total cost

€3.40m (EU contribution: €1.70m)

### Execution date

From 01/06/2008 to 30/11/2010

### Contract type

ICT Policy Support Programme PB Pilot Type B

## Project Profile

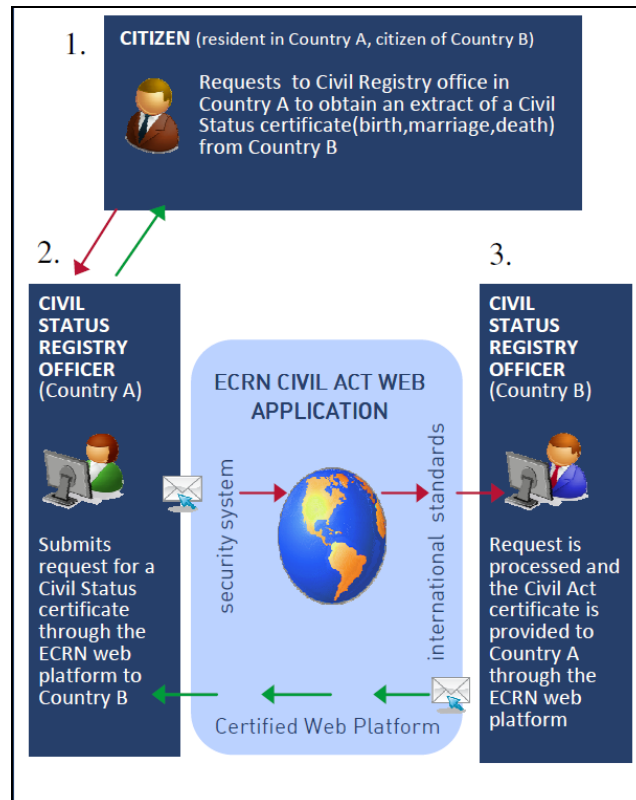
ECRN aims to provide a significant contribution to an effective eGovernment service for EU citizens. The project deals with the establishment of an infrastructure among the Civil Acts Registries of National Administrations, by setting up a pilot system designed to ensure the safe and certified transmission of Civil Act certificates (birth, death, marriage, divorce etc.) exchanged among local administrations of EU Member States.

Due to the growing number of European citizens living in countries different from their countries of origin, cooperation regarding Civil Acts has today become a high priority for national administrations.

## ECRN Objectives

1. to increase the efficiency of local administrative actions by strengthening the administrations' ability to use new technologies, thus contributing to time efficiency and cost effective solutions.
2. to improve the citizen-administration relationship by shortening delays for public bodies to manage procedures and enabling citizens to reply in due time to requests for certification for inscriptions to schools, universities, and employment opportunities.
3. to enable public authorities to gain immediate knowledge in case of changes in a citizens' civil status, i.e. if a citizen conceives a child, gets married, or dies; the public registry of her/his home country can be immediately updated.

## How does ECRN work?



A certificate can be obtained from a country's civil status registry without moving from one country to another – ECRN allows the civil status registry office of an EU Member State to request that specific certificate directly from its counterpart.

With ECRN, obtaining a certificate from one Member State to another will take 2-3 working days through a web platform rather than 2-3 months via ordinary mail. With regards to security issues, the certified and secure ECRN web platform will guarantee the exchange of an authentic civil registry certificate.

## Results

ECRN has set up a service running for six months in the following partner municipalities: Bologna – Bremerhaven - Gent – Ljubljana – Rotterdam and a service with the non-partner municipality of Zielona Gora (Poland).

## Looking at the future

In 2011, ECRN and the eID project STORK will test the combination of the STORK' infrastructure and ECRN service offerings. STORK is running an eID interoperability infrastructure that permits cross-border electronic identification and authentication among 17 European countries. ECRN will be the first external application to "hook up to" this infrastructure. This will allow ECRN to open up to new countries not currently covered in the ECRN project consortium.

## Further information

website: <http://www.ecrn.eu>

eGovernment: [http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/activities/egovernment/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/egovernment/index_en.htm)

ICT PSP: [http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/activities/ict\\_psp/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_psp/index_en.htm)

Information Society thematic Portal: [http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/index_en.htm)

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